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## CITIZENS ENDORSE CITY-WIDE HI-WAY PROJECT

### EFFORT BEING MADE TO GET PWA GRANT

Endorsement of the City-Wide Improvement association's basic endeavor — to obtain adequate street improvements that will take Torrance out of the "by-way" class and put it in the path of progress — was voted by nearly 200 citizens attending a dinner-meeting in the Civic Auditorium last Thursday night. At the same time those present indicated that they favored making the association permanent for service as an advisory body on all future Torrance development projects.

Chairman R. J. Deininger opened the after-dinner discussion of the proposed major highway improvement plan by presenting J. A. Mellon, highway engineer for the County Regional Planning Commission. He illustrated his talk on the value of modern arteries of traffic with a large map showing the land use of property in the southern part of Los Angeles county.

Scott R. Ludlow, former mayor, included in his resume of the current Torrance city-wide highway improvement project, brief statements concerning other developments which could be made part of the association's later agenda. Among these, he said, were: sewer facilities for West Torrance, tennis courts and other recreational improvements.

#### Geyer Wires Report

Mayor William H. Tolson spoke briefly on the highway project, stating that the city council has not taken any official action as yet toward putting that program up to the people in the form of a bond election. He pointed out that because no major highway goes thru Torrance, this city has been somewhat isolated and urged a thorough study of the road plan by all residents. Tolson also revealed that there was a possibility of getting the Pacific Electric to remove its tracks

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Accepted nominations to run for alumni president: Mrs. Ethel DeRouin (Ethel Ward) and Thomas McNeil. The election will be held at the homecoming.

If you have any news of former T.H.S. members, we would appreciate having you send it to the Alumni Editor, c/o Torrance high school, or phone Mary Jane Smith at 651.

### Modern Roads Return Cost of Improvements, Engineer Says

Residential and industrial development follows improved highways as inevitably as day follows night . . . Roads that permit fast traffic with a minimum of discomfort actually pay for themselves . . . Torrance has an excellent foundation for the proposed city-wide highway improvement project, the basis being proper planning for the city in general, room for bettering its highways without incurring excessive costs . . .

### Walterians Offer Own Proposals

Instead of improving Hawthorne avenue from Highway 101 to the Palos Verdes Estates, as outlined in the city-wide highway improvement proposal, Walterians thru their Civic Organization have suggested the betterment of three other streets in their community and the establishment of a recreation center.

The change was suggested by J. W. Laughridge in a letter late last week to Chairman Robert J. Deininger and read at the City-Wide Improvement Association's dinner-meeting last Thursday. His letter follows:

"Hawthorne avenue, south from Highway 101 to Newton street; Curbs and gutters with permanent paving to grade. Improve Newton street east from Hawthorne avenue. Curbs and gutters on north side to Madison street; permanent paving from Hawthorne avenue to old concrete.

"Civic and recreation center: grounds 190 feet by 270 feet or more; for purchase of property, \$5,000; for civic and recreation center, \$20,000. Site and improvements subject to approval of the Walteria Civic Organization. These projects to be separately specified but to be included on the bond issue, one vote—Yes or No."

Members of the Recreation and Improvement committee of the Walteria organization are John Minor, chairman; J. W. Crowther, Paul Stonecker, George Coates, Ed Hansen and Joel Hagberg.

#### TAKES POSITION

Ted Jenkins of Provo, Utah, was employed yesterday as a registered apprentice at Stone and Myers' mortuary.

### GEYER ASKS IKES' HELP ON HIGHWAYS

The following letter was received by Chairman R. J. Deininger late last week from Congressman Lee E. Geyer in Washington:

"I have just received a detailed letter from my field secretary, Ed Means, concerning a PWA grant for the city of Torrance to improve its highways. Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter that I just wrote to Mr. Ickes, PWA administrator, in which I asked him to send you complete, detailed information concerning an application for a grant.

"It seems to me that this is a very splendid thing that Torrance is setting out to do, and I congratulate you for taking this aggressive step. I have examined carefully the data that was printed in The Torrance Herald April 27 and I can truthfully say that in my opinion, the projects outlined there are very meritorious.

"I want you to rest assured that I will cooperate and aid you in every way that I can in securing this PWA grant. I will deem it a great favor if you and the Association will make use of my office at any time that I can be of service."

Congressman Geyer's letter to Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior and PWA administrator, follows:

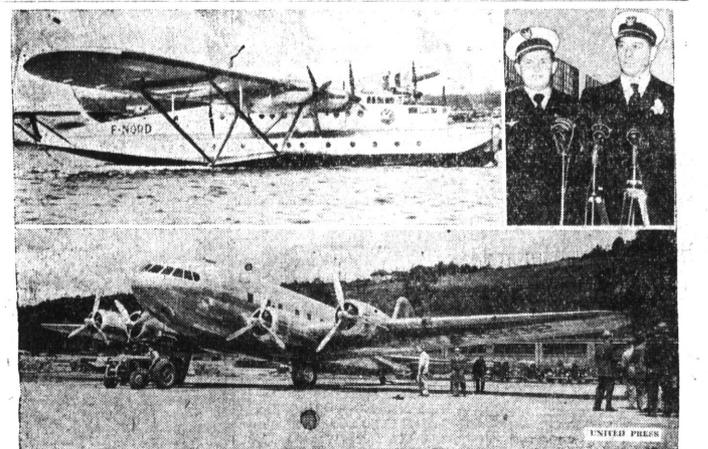
"The city of Torrance, Los Angeles County, California.

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### Toy Loan Library Adds New Classes

A reading library, painting and sewing classes have been added to the services of the children's Toy Loan Library at 1315 Post avenue, according to Mrs. Maude Messner, toyarian. The library is now open from 1 to 5 p. m., Monday thru Friday, she said.

Other events scheduled are a drive for magazines for picture scrapbooks and for materials for doll dresses which the sewing pupils will make, and a series of monthly parties to honor all children having birthdays in each month. Membership of the toy loan group since moving recently to the new location has increased from 200 to 500 and circulation of toys has gone from 249 to nearly 1500 per month.



IN RACE FOR AIR SUPREMACY . . . These new planes figure in the peaceful contest for world air supremacy. At top is the huge French flying boat, Lieutenant de Vaisseau Paris resting at Port Washington, N. Y., after a leisurely flight across the Atlantic. At side are crew members Marc Carion and Captain Henri Guillaumet. At bottom is the second giant stratonliner completed by the Boeing company at Seattle, which was not daunted by the crash of the first stratonliner, with a loss of ten men.

\$8.40 In Taxes Costs \$101 REDDING (U.P.)—One reason why taxes are high here appears to be that it costs too much to collect them. A report to the city council for one month showed that it had cost \$101.26 to collect \$8.40 in back assessments.

#### Device Spurs Feline Purrs

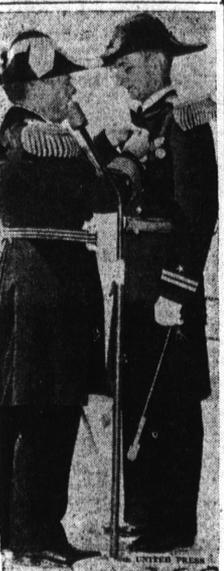
PHILADELPHIA (U.P.)—Robert B. Delaney, a woodcarver, has invented a scratching post for cats. The device is a two-foot post covered with carpet with the underside out because it makes a better scratching surface.

#### Maine To Mark Early Post

AUGUSTA, Me. (U.P.)—Establishment of the first trading post in Maine, immediately after the granting of the Kennebec Patent in 1628-29, approximately on the site of old Fort Western will be memorialized by a bronze marker.

### Wooldridge Herald Circulation Mgr. Writes

Only he who has worked in the sun, can really enjoy resting in the shade.



HONORED . . . Highest honor of the U. S. Navy, the Distinguished Service Medal, was presented in this scene to Lt. Arthur Anders, right, hero of the bombing by Japanese of the gunboat Panay, by Vice Admiral J. W. Greenslade, aboard U. S. S. Mississippi at Los Angeles.

### With the OLD GRADS of Torrance High

"Jealousy Plays a Part" is the play that has been selected to be given at the T.H.S. homecoming. Members of the cast are alumni who have given much of their time to make this part of the program a success. The entire program sounds very good and all attending are assured of a grand time. Don't forget the date—Thursday, June 15, high school auditorium—afternoon and evening.

George Bradford, S 35, has just completed his apprenticeship as a machinist at the National Supply Company. The Bradfords, nee Mary Ann Taylor, have a young daughter, Maurine, six-months-old.

Muriel Bell to Wed Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hannan (Muriel Barnes), both graduates of Torrance high, celebrated their first wedding anniversary Tuesday, May 23.

Muriel (Susie) Bell, another alumni, is to be married to James T. Carriel of San Francisco, Thursday, June 1. They plan to make their home in Ventura where Carriel is employed.

Madrigal Practices Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bartlett are the proud parents of a ten-pound baby boy born Friday, May 19, at Torrance Memorial hospital. Albert is a T. H. S. grad.

Ex-Madrigal members are holding their second practice Thursday evening, May 25, at 8 o'clock in the high school music room. All past members are asked to attend.

Tickets for the second annual dance are now on sale. Anyone desiring to sell these tickets, is asked to contact Thomas McNeil, phone 325W. The date of the dance is Saturday June 17; place, Hollywood Riviera club-house.

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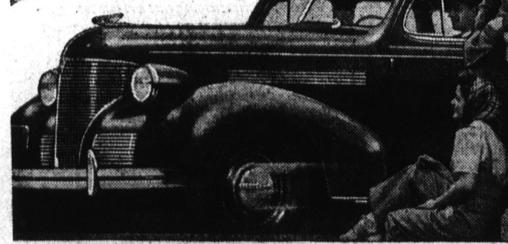
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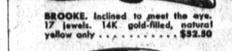
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